

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 208 – HB 287

February 15, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Eliminates failure to pay prenatal, natal, and postnatal expenses as ground for termination of parental rights. Requires the Tennessee putative father registry be consulted within 10 working days of filing a petition to terminate parental rights or an adoption petition, unless the biological father has been identified through DNA testing and the identification is set out in the petition.

Requires the putative father registry of another state be consulted within 10 working days of filing a petition to adopt unless the biological father has been identified through DNA testing and the identification is set out in the petition. Authorizes a court to waive this requirement and enter into an order of adoption if the other state will not permit access to the registry, does not respond within 30 days or requires a fee determined by the court to be unreasonable.

Requires the party surrendering a child to complete a social and medical history form and attach the completed form to the surrendering party's pre-surrender information form.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004194): Deletes and replaces language of the bill without making any substantive changes to the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation would not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts. Any increase in expenditures will be absorbed within existing state and local resources.

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- Any fiscal impact will be borne by private parties; therefore, no fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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